

Admission Requirements and Process

Applicants must:

1. Have an undergraduate Bachelors degree (or equivalent) from a recognized university.
2. Have high English language proficiency (500 TOEFL / 6.0 IELTS)
Scholarship applicants will be competitively assessed based on the following.

- ✦ Demonstrated interest in and commitment to human rights and democratisation;
- ✦ Relevant professional experience;
- ✦ Strong academic background and/or research ability;
- ✦ Future contribution to the field of human rights and democratisation in the Asia Pacific region.



How to Apply

Application forms are available from the IHRP (contact details below).

The APMA Program will begin accepting applications for the incoming academic year starting from the last quarter of the current year.

Announcements including application forms and deadlines are available from the IHRP. Please keep in touch through the IHRP websites below. For any enquiries or requests for application forms, please contact the Program Secretary via the following:

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Master of Arts in Human Rights and Democratisation [Asia Pacific Regional Program]

A program co-funded by the European Commission, the Master of Arts in Human Rights and Democratisation - Asia Pacific Regional Program or the APMA, is the region's premier degree in human rights and democratisation. Mahidol University has been involved in the program since 2010. The degree offers students the opportunity to study both at Mahidol University and one of four selected universities in the Asia Pacific, each with a particular expertise in human rights and democratisation. The four partner universities are:

- ✦ Ateneo de Manila Law School (*the Philippines*)
- ✦ Universitas Gadjah Mada (*Indonesia*)
- ✦ Kathimandu School of Law (*Nepal*)
- ✦ The University of Colombo, Centre for the Study of Human Rights (*Sri Lanka*)



Objectives

The APMA Program is an interdisciplinary intensive one-year graduate degree that reflects the inseparable links between human rights, democracy, peace and development in the region. Designed for mid-career professionals and highly motivated graduates with bachelor degree, the degree offers students an opportunity to engage first-hand with regional and international human rights issues, and to interact with internationally renowned human rights academics, practitioners and experts. Complemented by funding from the European Commission, this degree provides students with exposure to leading international human rights academics and practitioners. Graduates of the program will:

1. Have an excellent knowledge of theory and practice of the promotion and protection of human rights and democratization.
2. Be able to undertake independent scholarly research on current issues in human rights and democratization in the Asia Pacific.
3. Have the capacity to put their academic understanding and practical experience to use in real situations.

Program Structure

All students in the degree will complete their first semester (from August to January), comprising four foundational courses, at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University. At the beginning of Semester 2 (from February to May) students will complete an intensive at the IHRP, undertake an independent research project, before traveling to the partners. At the partner university students will complete two courses and a thesis.

First Semester — Mahidol University

The first semester curriculum consists of a foundational program, made up of four core units of study. These units are compulsory for all students and include the following:

- ▼ Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms Part 1
- ▼ Human Rights and Democratisation Research
- ▼ Dynamics of Human Rights Violations
- ▼ Democratisation

Second Semester — Mahidol University

- ▼ Applied Research in Human Rights and Democratisation
- ▼ Human Rights and Democratisation Intensive
- ▼ The Human Rights Intensive runs in mid-January. In this intensive, lecturers from all partners will be involved in the teaching, ensuring that students gain knowledge and experience from all the partners. Students are expected to defend their Thesis Proposal during the intensive.

Second Semester—Regional Partner University

Students will study the second semester at one of the four partner universities. Once allocated, all students take two core compulsory units and the thesis:

- ▼ Human Rights Norms and Mechanisms Part 2
- ▼ Critical and Emerging Issues in the Asia Pacific
- ▼ Thesis



Second Semester Placement

The placement at the second semester will be made by the Selection Committee based on the following criteria:

- ▼ Fee paying students and non-APMA scholarship students: will be assigned to their first preference, conditional on acceptance by the Partner University.
- ▼ APMA Scholarships students: Applicants will note their preference in the application form. All efforts will be made to place the student in their top preferences. A condition of the scholarship is that students must study at the assigned partner university.

Scholarship Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded according to a competitive combination of at least two of the following selection criteria:

- ▼ Regional representation;
- ▼ Demonstrated Interest in and commitment to human rights and democratisation;
- ▼ Strong academic background and/or research ability and/or relevant professional experience;
- ▼ Inclusion and diversity of student body;
- ▼ Future contribution to the field of human rights and democratisation in the Asia Pacific region.

Students must be a citizen of **AND** resident in any of the following countries.

Note: The countries of citizenship and residence need not be the same.

Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Cook Islands, PR China, Fiji, Guam, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, DPR Korea, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Taiwan, Thailand, Vanuatu, and Vietnam

